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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the species of Fig. 1. Claims 15-17 are directed to the species of Fig. 1.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this election to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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